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Provisional Organization of OPC

Rescission: 1. Admin. Memo. 2.001 dated 24 January 50 with attachment

Attachment: A. ADPC Memo of 15 May, on subject, with enclosures

1. Organizational Structure

The attachment and its enclosure outline the basic organizational structure for OPC, effective 15 May 1950. Issues of the OPC Manual are rescinded to the extent of any conflict with the attachment.

2. Personnel Assignments

Personnel assignments in accordance with the new organizational arrangement will be published separately.

3. Manual Changes

Division and Staff Chiefs will prepare for review by the Chief, Staff III, and approval by ADPC new functional statements in accordance with the attachment, for publication in the OPC Manual. Other necessary changes in the manual will be published at the earliest possible date.

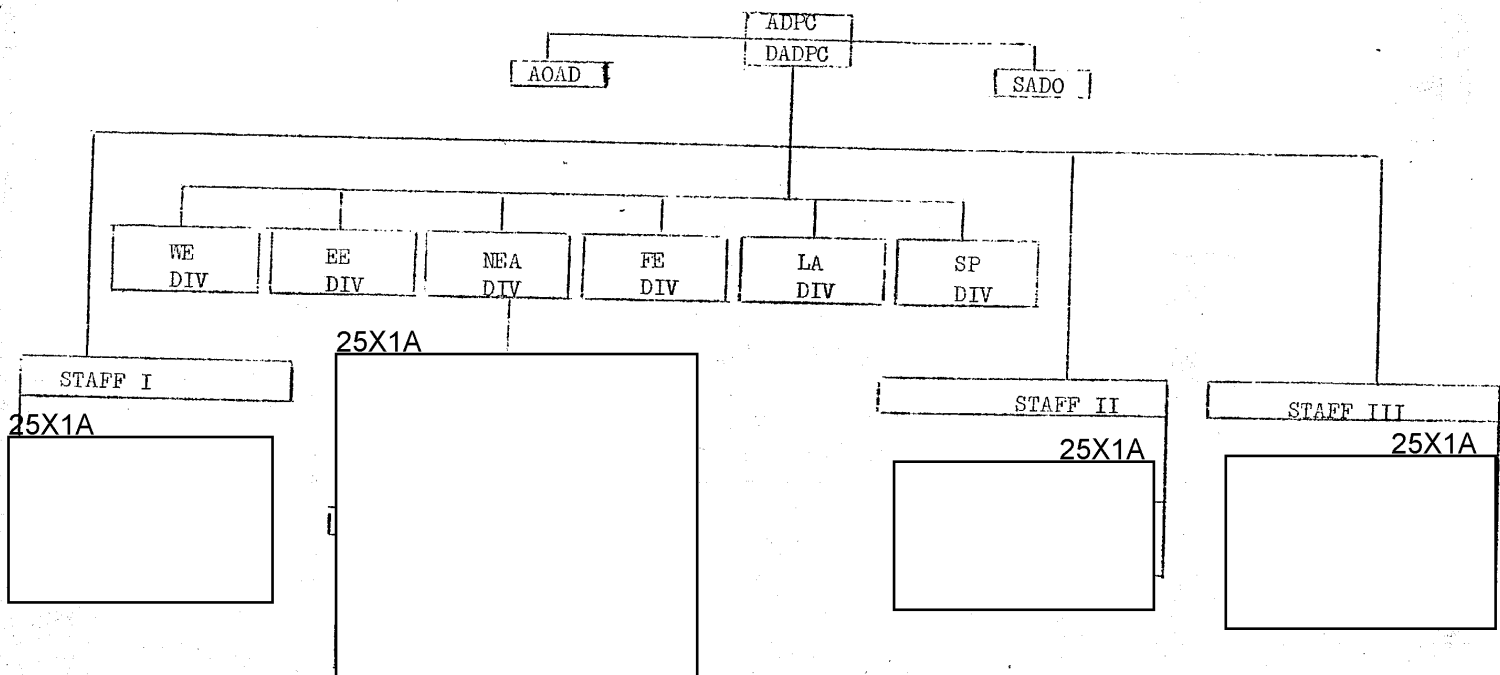
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SUBJECT: Provisional Reorganization of OPC

1. In view of the absence of any indication of a decision on the long-awaited policy questions involved in NSC 50, it is desirable to take immediate action to improve our current organizational structure. The experience of the past twenty months has demonstrated the necessity of decentralizing authority and responsibility to the units responsible for actual performance of operations to the maximum extent possible so long as such decentralization does not hamper necessary control over policy or the standardization of procedures. Our experience has also demonstrated the necessity of streamlining our organization, eliminating overlapping or duplicating activities and of reviewing the current assignments of our Staff Officers to insure the maximum utilization of their capabilities and experience.

2. In order to gain the objectives described in the foregoing paragraph a provisional reorganization of OPC illustrated in the attached chart will become effective 15 May 1950. This organization provides for direct command responsibility from ADPC to the field stations through the Chiefs of the geographic Divisions. The Chiefs of the geographic Divisions have direct authority and responsibility for formulating plans and conducting operations in their respective areas, in accordance with OPC policies and procedures. Each Division will have its own plans and operations branches as well as an appropriate number of area sections to provide support and supervision for field operations. The command line runs from ADPC to the field establishment through the Division Chiefs. The Divisional areas are as follows:

WE - Western Europe
EE - Eastern Europe
NEA - Near East and Africa
FE - Far East
LA - Latin America
// SP - Special Projects

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3. The primary responsibilities of Staffs I, II and III are to formulate broad policies and procedures and to provide specialized assistance and support in the functional fields indicated below. It is an important principle of sound organization that channels of command are not violated by staff units. Staff personnel must constantly bear in mind the important difference between line and staff activities. Staff personnel are in reality divisions of ADPC into specialized advisory segments. They are advisors and assistants to ADPC and all of their authority flows from ADPC and must be exercised in his name. It is essential that staff officers avoid issuing orders for ADPC directly to subordinates of Division Chiefs.

STAFF I

STAFF II

STAFF III

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4. The following provisional appointments are hereby announced:

WE Division Chief
EE Division Chief
NEA Division Chief
FE Division Chief
LA Division Chief
SP Division Chief

Staff I Chief
Staff II Chief
Staff III Chief

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5. Responsibility for coordinating administrative action required to implement this reorganization is hereby delegated to the Chief of Staff III.

/s/ Frank G. Wisner

/t/ FRANK G. WISNER
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